THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The details of daily average wagon loading in the subsidiaries of Coal India Ltd. and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. during the year 1990-91 and during April-Novemer, 1991 (Provisional) are given as under:—

(In Four Wheeler Wagons per day)

Name of coal Company	1990-91	(April to November '91) (unreconciled)
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	1978	1901
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	2129	2316
Central Coalfields Ltd.	2503	2570
Northern Coalfields Ltd.	1345	1298
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	3791	4207
Western Coalfields Ltd.	1493	1500
North Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	90	100
Total Coal India Limited	13329	13592
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	1236	1201

(b) and (c) There has been percepti ble improvement in overall daily average loading performance during the current year. Steps are being taken to further improve rail loading by closely monitoring daily performance of despatch in co-ordination with Railways.

Closure of coal mines

2525. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have closed down coal mines during the post-nationalisation period; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Changes in coal mining policies

2526. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering radical changes in the coal mining policies; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) It has been suggested that new coal based thermal power plants may be allowed their own captive coal mines. The Government is yet to take a view on this suggestion.

कोयला का उत्पादन लक्ष्य

2527. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह** : क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के लिए कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड, टिस्को और इस्को द्वारा कोयले के उत्पादन का क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ;

(ख) बिहार में कोयला खानों के आधुनिकीकरण के लिए वर्तमान योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और इन पर कितना धन व्यय होने का संभावना है ; और

(ग) बी०सी०सी०एल०, सी०सी० एल० और ई० सी०एल० के संदर्भ में पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रत्येक ग्रेड